



United States Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Washington, DC 20240

DEC 28 2022

Dear Tribal Leader:

The Department of the Interior (Department) proposes to revise its Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) regulations at 43 C.F.R. part 10.

On November 18, 2022, the Department invited you to consult on the proposed rule. After holding two consultation sessions with Indian Tribes, the Department is extending the comment period on the proposed rule to 11:59 p.m., January 31, 2023.

Comments must be identified by the Regulation Identified Number (RIN) 1024-AE19 and must be submitted by one -- and only one -- of the following methods:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments. Direct link to make comments is: <https://www.regulations.gov/document/NPS-2022-0004-0001>
- Mail to: National NAGPRA Program, National Park Service, 1849 C Street, NW, Mail Stop 7360, Washington, DC 20240. Attn: Melanie O'Brien, Manager, NAGPRA Rule Comments.

Upon request, the Department will consider additional consultation sessions with individual Indian Tribes to ensure sufficient opportunity to engage and comment in advance of a final rule. Should you have questions about these consultation sessions or the proposed regulations, you may contact Melanie O'Brien, National NAGPRA Program, at (202) 354-2201, nagpra_info@nps.gov.

To attend the final scheduled consultation session, please register in advance at <https://www.bia.gov/service/tribal-consultations/proposed-rule-native-american-graves-protection-and-repatriation-act>.

Date	Time	Location
Thursday, January 12, 2023	10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. MST	BLM National Training Center 9828 North 31 st Ave. Phoenix, AZ 85051

The Department looks forward to hearing your Tribe's comments on the proposed NAGPRA regulations.

Sincerely,



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